

## 2015-2016 PISCATWAY SOCCER CLUB TRAVEL TRYOUTS

*For the seasonal year: Aug 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016*

*Any changes to this schedule due to inclement weather  
will be posted on the PSC website: [www.piscatawaysoccer.org](http://www.piscatawaysoccer.org)*

*Tryouts will be held during the weeks of May 11 and May 18  
and advertised by the first week of April 2015.*

### Travel Tryout Procedures

The purpose of the Piscataway Soccer Club (PSC) travel team tryout process is to form teams with players who have similar soccer ability and commitment level. These procedures offer general guidelines on how the travel teams will be formed. Exceptions to these procedures may occur, but only with the prior approval of the PSC Vice President (VP) of Travel.

### Travel Tryout Guidelines

Team tryout eligibility is based on gender and NJYSA age group definitions.

## 2015-2016 SOCCER AGE GROUPS

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Birth Month/ Year	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
January	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
February	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
March	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
April	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
May	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
June	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
July	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
August	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U16
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U16
September	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U16
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U16
October	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U16
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U16
November	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U16
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U16
December	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U16
	Little Kickers	Little Kickers	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U16

*Specific tryout activities will be organized by training professionals commissioned by PSC the Player Evaluation Committee (PEC) and are to be followed by all age groups at their tryouts.*

## **Registration Policies and General Information:**

- Advance online tryout registration is available through the PSC website and is highly recommended. Visit [www.piscatawaysoccer.org](http://www.piscatawaysoccer.org) to register. If a player does not register online prior to the tryout, they may register in person at the time of the tryout. There is no fee for tryout registration.
- Tryouts will be publicized through a posting on the PSC website. E-mail notifications will be sent to PSC membership and flyers will be sent to all schools with students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- All tryouts will be held for two days for age groups U12 and younger and at least one day for teams U13 and older. The PEC may adjust the number of tryout sessions, based on the anticipated number of players for an age group. It is highly recommended that players attend both sessions; however, players are required to attend at least one of the two sessions. Should a child become ill, suffer an injury or have a family emergency and not be able to attend the tryouts, notification must be submitted in writing (e-mail is acceptable) to the PEC and the VP of Travel prior to the scheduled tryout.
- The duration of the tryout is approximately 90 minutes. Parents must stay at the tryout. Parents may not drop a child off and leave the tryout area. Parents are not permitted on the turf field.
- There should be no cheering or individual coaching during a tryout.
- All players must wear shin guards and cleats (or turf shoes) and bring water.
- Upon check-in, all players will be assigned a numbered pinnie and be identified by that number throughout the tryout process.
- As per the PSC By-Laws *“the spot on a team is for one seasonal year until the next tryout process and team selection.”* There are no set teams after the Spring Season each year and players must tryout again to secure their roster spot for the following season.
- If a player is interested in “playing up” (i.e., one age group above their actual age group), that player may attend both tryout sessions (actual age group AND one age group above). If the player chooses not to tryout with his or her actual age group during the designated tryout period he or she will not have an opportunity to tryout for that age group at a later date if not chosen for the older age group.

## **The Tryouts:**

- “Players” consist of any age-appropriate individual that registers for, and participates in, the PSC travel tryouts. Players will not be organized based on previous team placements.

- “Evaluators” consist of training professionals commissioned by PSC to provide unbiased, formal ratings based on age-appropriate tactical and technical soccer abilities.
- “Player Evaluation Committee (PEC)” consists of a Chairperson (nominated by the PSC President) and a Committee formed to establish and uphold procedures for the consistent evaluation of players during the annual PSC travel tryouts.
- Additional volunteers from within the PSC (board members, coaches, managers and parents) will be used during the tryout sessions to assist with check-in, registrations or any other supportive role as requested by the Evaluators. These individuals will not participate in any player evaluations during the tryout sessions.

### **Pre-Tryout Ratings:**

- Pre-Tryout rating forms will be distributed to all current travel Head Coaches and must be completed and submitted prior to the tryout session to the PEC Chairperson and VP of Travel. These ratings will take into consideration skills, performance, attitude, attendance at training, communication, sportsmanship and other factors based on the player’s performance over the course of an entire season. All evaluation forms utilized by PSC commissioned professional Evaluators, Travel Coaches and Instructional Coaches must be uniform.
- Pre-Tryout ratings will be kept private and confidential by all parties.
- Pre-Tryout ratings for PSC instructional players interested in transitioning to PSC travel will be submitted by their instructional coaches.

### **Tryout Ratings:**

- The training professionals commissioned by PSC will provide Evaluators on the designated tryout dates. The Evaluators will be present for the full duration of all tryout sessions.
- The tryout format will be developed by the training professionals commissioned by PSC VP of Travel and the PEC and will consist of small-sided scrimmages.
- There will be a standardized tryout evaluation form used by the Evaluators to record and report results.
- One (1) Professional Evaluator will take the lead role and coordinate the on-field evaluation while the tryouts are in progress.

- It will be the responsibility of the Evaluators to jointly develop a single ranking for the entire age group at the end of the process. The lead Evaluator will make the decision whenever there is a disagreement over a ranking, but will strive to seek consensus among all Evaluators.
- Upon the conclusion of the tryout session, Evaluators will present to the Chairperson of the PEC and VP of Travel a single ranking (from highest-skilled player to lowest-skilled player) as the final Tryout Rating for each age group/gender as well as individual evaluator score sheets.

### **Goalkeeper Ratings:**

- Goalkeeper tryouts will take place at the last scheduled goalkeeper training session or on Fridays during the scheduled tryout week and will be publicized by the PSC along with the field players tryout dates. Evaluations will be provided to the coach prior to team selection. All players who try out for goalkeeper must also participate in the field tryouts.
- Separate ratings for goalkeepers shall be made by the Evaluators and will not be factored into the player's field tryout rating.
- Any goalkeeper that is new to the club or who has not attended the weekly goalkeeper Session may participate in goalkeeper tryouts. If a player is not able to make the goalkeeper tryouts they may request an evaluation at one of the other goalkeeper training sessions.

### **Player Selection Process (U11 and above):**

- The PEC will compile tryout rankings for each age/gender group. This must be completed no later than one week from the conclusion of all evaluations.
- The PEC provides the Head Coach of each travel team with the following upon request:
  1. Recommended teams based on try-out evaluations
  2. The rankings for their age/gender group;
  3. The coach evaluations (including instructional); and,
  4. The goalkeeper evaluations.
- The Head Coach selects:

*Small-sided teams:* Between 12 and 14 players from the top 16-ranked players.

*Full-sided teams:* Between 14 and 18 players from the top 20-ranked players.

Note: The Piscataway Soccer Club will make final determination on team size. If a Coach disagrees with this decision he or she can appeal to a committee comprised of the Executive Vice President, PEC Chair and VP for Travel for final determination.

- If more than one team exists in an age/gender group, the higher-flighted team (A) will select players first, using the above guidelines.
- Head Coaches should select their proposed roster. The PEC and VP of Travel will meet with Coaches to discuss and confirm the selections and/or help to negotiate selections for age/gender groups with more than one team.
- Coaches are encouraged to form their teams with the highest ranked available players. A Coach will be asked to justify any player skipped in the rankings. Such decisions may require the approval of the VP of Travel and the PEC Chair.
- Notifications are sent via e-mail by the PEC (copied to the VP of Travel and Head Coach). Players have 48 hours to accept or decline the offered roster spot. If no response is received within 48 hours, that player is moved to the 'waiting list.' The coach may then select another player from the pool of available players.
- Players (and parents) may decline a roster spot on a higher-flighted team (A) in order to secure a roster spot on a lower-flighted team (B), when more than one team exists in an age/gender group. A player may not decline a roster spot on a lower-flighted team in order to secure a roster spot on a higher-flighted team.
- No specific information regarding player ratings should ever be shared with parents or other members of the community due to the sensitive nature of such information.
- Acceptance to a team confirms a player's commitment to that team for the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 seasons. Players may not switch teams during the seasonal year unless through appeal process to the VP of Travel.
- Travel rosters will be finalized at the Team Selection Meeting.
- The PEC is responsible for notifying all players that do not get selected for a team no later than 2 weeks after the team selection meeting.

### **Player Selection Process (U8- U10):**

*The Piscataway Soccer Club is incorporating changes to its team formation policies. At the January 2015 Board Meeting changes were approved for implementation at the U8 and U9 age groups levels for the 2015-2016 Travel teams. These changes will remain permanent for these players as they advance in age, during the Spring 2016 tryouts the rules will apply to the U11 and below age groups. In Spring 2017, the rules will apply to the U12 and below. This*

*will continue until the new player acceptance rules apply to all age groups in the club. Please note the changes are highlighted in yellow*

- The PEC will compile tryout rankings for each age/gender group. This must be completed no later than one week from the conclusion of all evaluations.
- The PEC provides the Head Coach of each travel team with the following upon request:
  1. Recommended teams based on try-out evaluations
  2. The rankings for their age/gender group;
  3. The coach evaluations (including instructional); and,
  4. The goalie evaluations.

- The Head Coach selects:

*Small-sided teams:* Between 12 and 14 players from the top 16-ranked players.

*Full-sided teams:* Between 14 and 18 players from the top 20-ranked players.

Note: The Piscataway Soccer Club will make final determination on team size. If a Coach disagrees with this decision he or she can appeal to the three person committee comprised of the Executive Vice President, PEC Chair and Travel Vice-President for final determination.

- If more than one team exists in an age/gender group, the higher-flighted team (A) will select players first, using the above guidelines.
- Head Coaches should select their proposed roster. The PEC and VP of Travel will meet with Coaches to discuss and confirm the selections and/or help to negotiate selections for age/gender groups with more than one team.
- Coaches are encouraged to form their teams with the highest ranked available players. A Coach will be asked to justify any player skipped in the rankings. Such decisions may require the approval of the VP of Travel and the PEC Chair.
- Notifications are sent via e-mail by the PEC (copied to the VP of Travel and Head Coach). Players have 48 hours to accept or decline the offered roster spot. If no response is received within 48 hours, that player is moved to the 'waiting list.' The coach may then select another player from the pool of available players.
- Players (and parents) will not be provided an option to decline a roster spot on a higher-flighted team (A) in order to secure a roster spot on a lower-flighted team (B), when more than one team exists in an age/gender group.

- In the case that a player/parent declines a roster spot in an attempt to play on a lower flighted team due to extraordinary circumstances he or she will be able to submit his or her reasoning in writing within 24 hours of declining the roster spot. A three person committee comprised of the PEC Chair, Executive Vice-President and VP of Travel will make a decision within 48 hours if the said player is able to accept an invitation from a lower flighted team.
- No specific information regarding player ratings should ever be shared with parents or other members of the community due to the sensitive nature of such information.
- Acceptance to a team confirms a player's commitment to that team for the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 seasons. Players may not switch teams during the seasonal year unless through appeal process to the VP of Travel.
- Travel rosters will be finalized at the Team Selection Meeting.
- The PEC is responsible for notifying all players that do not get selected for a team no later than 2 weeks after the team selection meeting.